

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CHILD GROWTH STANDARD
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the present rate of malnourishment in the country during each of the last three years including current year, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to bring a new set of child growth standards based on new WHO growth standards; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) The Present level of undernutrition among children and women, as per the provisional data of the third round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-3) conducted during 2005- 2006 is annexed.

The Previous survey (NFHS-2) relates to the period 1998- 99. This survey is conducted periodically and not every year.

(b)&(c) The Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized jointly a National Workshop on "Adoption of New WHO Child Growth Standards" on 8-9 February 2007 in New Delhi to deliberate on the adoption of the new Growth Standards. A consensus has emerged in the Workshop in favour of adoption of these standards. However, a final decision in the matter has not been taken as yet.

Annexure

STATEWISE PRESENT RATE OF MALNUTRITION IN INDIA

S.No State/UT Percentage of percentage of women (15- children 49) yrs.
under 3 years With BMI below normal(18.5)

Underweight Anaemia BMI Anaemia

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1	Mizoram	21.6	51.7	15.3	38.2
2	Sikkim	22.6	56.9	9.6	46.8
3	Manipur	23.8	52.8	13.9	39.3
4	Punjab	27.0	80.2	13.5	38.4
5	Kerala	28.8	55.7	12.5	32.3
6	Goa	29.3	49.3	20.5	38.9
7	Jammu & Kashmir	29.4	68.1	21.3	53.0
8	Nagaland	29.7	na	15.9	na
9	Delhi	33.1	63.2	10.6	43.4
10	Tamil Nadu	33.2	72.5	23.5	53.3
11	Himachal Pradesh	36.2	58.8	24.3	40.9
12	Andhra Pradesh	36.6	79.0	30.8	62.0
13	Arunachal Pradesh	36.9	66.3	15.5	48.9
14	Uttaranchal	38.0	61.5	25.7	47.6
15	Tripura	39.0	67.9	35.1	64.4
16	Maharashtra	39.7	71.9	32.6	49.0

17	Assam	40.4	76.7	26.5	69.0
18	Karnataka	41.1	82.7	31.4	50.3
19	Haryana	41.9	82.5	27.8	56.5
20	West Bengal	43.5	69.4	37.7	63.0
21	Orissa	44.0	74.2	40.5	62.0
22	Rajasthan	44.0	79.6	33.6	53.1
23	Meghalaya	46.3	68.7	14.7	45.4
24	Uttar Pradesh	47.3	85.1	34.1	50.8
25	Gujarat	47.4	80.1	32.3	55.5
26	Chattisgarh	52.1	81.0	41.0	57.6
27	Bihar	58.4	87.6	43.0	68.3
28	Jharkhand	59.3	77.7	32.6	70.4
29	Madhya Pradesh	60.3	82.6	40.1	57.6

India	45.9	79.2	33.0	56.2
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Source: NFHS-3 (2005-06)

BMI=Body Mass Index weight in Kg / Height in meter X meter